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BOTANY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Most honoured Sir,

Our mutual friend, Prof. Meissner not being well enough to write to you himself, I beg leave to inform you, that a large portion of his Herbarium is packed up, and reddy for exportation. We both hope your journey to California to have been happy and successful, and by the time the boxes will join at New York, we suppose you will be reinstalled in your home and ready to receive them. If not, Dr. Barnard or some other member of Columbia College is requested to take care of them untill your return.

The plants I am about to send you represent allmost two-thirds of the Meissner-Herbarium. They are packed up in eight large iron-bound cases; as you will see by the list added to this letter, their are 222 packets marked outside with numbered tickets, so that you can easily find a family without opening more than one or a few packets.

The part of the herbarium, which Mr. Meissner

reserves for a second expedition, is chiefly composed by families of plants which he has treated in his different publications, or on which he still hopes to work when his health will be better than it is now.

The eight cases now prepared will probably be Shipped at Rotterdam on Friday, the 15th. of November, and may reach New York before the last of this month. I hope they will arrive in good state. Insurance has been taken for the sum of frs. 17000. –

Included to this you will find the invoice and certificates of the Consulate of the U.S.

Yours most respectfully

S. Kurtz Med. Dr.

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P.S. A slight error has been committed by indicating 223 instead of 222 packets on the invoices. The latter number is the exact one.